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**House Bill 5479 (As Introduced)**

**Topic:** School Construction, Site Plans  
**Sponsor:** Representative LaJoy  
**Co-sponsors:** Representatives Ward, Taub, Marleau, Plakas, and Schuitmaker  
**Committee:** House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment

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The bill amends Section 1263 of the Revised School Code to require high school site plans to be submitted to a township zoning authority for review. If a comment isn't made within 60 days, the site plan is considered approved. When written suggested changes are proposed by the zoning authority, the governing board of the school district is required to incorporate the changes into the site plan or to reply as to why the changes are not being made. The new requirement applies to expansion of a high school building only if the expansion will result in at least a 20% increase in square footage. Temporary structures or facilities needed due to unexpected enrollment increases that are used for not more than 2 years are exempt. The local zoning authority may charge a fee for its services limited to \$250 for an administrative review and \$1,500 for total costs incurred.